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Docket No.: BURGSTAHLER

In re Application of:)
RALPH BURGSTAHLER et al.)
Cont. of Int. Appl. No.: PCT/DE02/03016)
Int. Filing Date: August 14, 2002)
For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A GLASS FORMING MACHINE)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to E) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/DE02/03016 and reference F) which was cited in a German Office Action issued by the German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 101 39 808.5 and reference G). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A) USA	US 5 812 392 A	Dutto et al.	09-22-1998
B) Europe	EP 0 668 248 A	Bottero SPA	08-23-1995
C) Europe	EP 0 873 975 A	Owens-Brockway	10-28-1998
D) Europe	EP 0 879 795 A	Owens-Brockway	11-25-1998
E) USA	US 5 271 756 A	Peterson et al.	12-21-1993
F) Japan	JP 08-337425 A	Kirin Techno	12-24-1996
G) Germany	DE 195 23 941 C1	Siemens AG	01-23-1997

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference G) relates to signal reflection occurring during signal transmission at high transmission rates. In order to eliminate this reflection, the interface circuits (5 to 7) between incoming and outgoing bus cables (4) are configured such that inductors (34 to 37) are disposed in the connection lines (12, 13) between the bus cables (4).

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date, if appropriate
	5,812,392	09-22-1998	Dutto et al.			
	5,271,756	12-21-1993	Peterson et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	EP 0 668 248 A	08-23-1995	Europe			yes
	EP 0 873 975 A	10-28-1998	Europe			yes
	EP 0 879 795 A	11-25-1998	Europe			yes
	JP 08-377425 A	12-24-1996	Japan			yes
	DE 195 23 941 C1	01-23-1997	Germany			no

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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